

REMARKS

This letter is responsive to the office action dated December 23, 2003.

Claims 3-13, 15, 17-25, and 37 have been cancelled. Claims 1, 2, 16, 28-33, and 36 have been amended. Claims 1, 2, 14, 16, 26-36, and 38-49 remain in this application for further consideration.

In paragraph 3, original claims 1-49 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting. A terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) is filed herewith. Accordingly, withdrawal of the Examiner's rejection is respectfully requested.

The claims that remain in the present application are generally directed to novel and inventive improvements to the spatial user interface claimed in Applicant's issued U.S. Patent No. 6,636,246.

Amendments to the Claims

Claim 1 has been amended to clarify that the user interface comprises a plurality of portals containing content and sensory cues displayed in the portals that provide cues to the content contained in the portals. Support for this amendment can be found throughout the specification (e.g. p. 11, lines 11-19).

Claim 2 has been amended to recite the feature that the user interface comprise at least one of a rotational constraint means and a control means for controlling rotation of the interface. Support for this amendment can be found at p. 20 line 7 – p. 21 line 31, and p. 23 lines 11-26, for example.

The wording of claims 16, 28-22, and 36 has also been amended to be consistent with the claims on which they currently depend, or to include certain limitations of a

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cancelled claim on which they originally depended. No new matter has been added by these amendments.

Further consideration of the present application is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that a telephone interview would expedite allowance of the application, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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